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# 1000 DEAD N ITALIAN QUAKE, FEAR OF PREMIER

hree More Towns Reported Destroyed, 42 Unheard From-In-Jured May Exceed 125,000.

some. Jan. 15.—The Government anmed today that 20,789 persons had
at their lives in the earthquake in centel lialy Wednesday morning, accordte efficial agents, but intimated that
set the lists were exaggerated.
With about one-third of the towns in
the earthquake sone heard from, Premiss
hadra fears that the dead alone are
then 56,000. This is the highest estithat has been made at any time.
In imposer of injured may go above

t e'clock this morning Premier Saldead 11,139 men, women and chilin 16 towns. Shortly before 10 that rescue forces from Sulmona roll had penetrated to Capelle, and San Benedetto, and found towns in rulns. The total loss these towns was at first said

Premier received word at noon that scrons had been killed at Maglians and 50 killed and 100 injured at strallo. This increased the official of known dead to 20,789.

careful investigation," said the received by the Premier, "the reports of the destruction of scina and San Benedetto have

NUMBED FOR HOURS, SAVED. he casualties at Capelle were 1300 out be inhabitants. Pescina was almost at the ground, the dead being esti-ed at \$300. San Benedetto was totally risk, with 3000 casualties. At San sub more than 100 persons were a after being entombed for many They had suffered intensely and so badly injured that they

Salandra today ordered that be made to get into com-with the following 44 cities, villages, from which no de

villages, from which no de-been received:

pulle. Alvi. Bairosano. Bisegña.
Caserta, Cittaducale. Cailarmele siano. Capistrello, Castronovine virelladantino Castellafunie. Car-cae. Gerohio. Glosamaria, Lilli no, Magliano, Marse. Maesadalbe. L'Ortucchio. Ovuedoli. Pagliano. Elleta. Poggios-Felippo. Peraviucco. Supisco. San Felino. Sourcola. Marie. San Stefano, Teramo. 1 Segaria.

declaration of the seisthat the earthquake was of and not volcanic origin, re-Naples say that many of the lly extinct craters in that section wing signs of life, and fears are d that volcanic disturbances may to the terrors of the inhabitants. or shocks which still continue

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THE WEATHER



akles with here and there a feck of white; the weather expert a a "Fair," and drops the subject Ah, for the rapid, magic pen, the of living words that used to tell of gian and caroling of birds, the a la Dickens not of Pos-to weave a of files, to let the whole wide nation wat such a day as this! This day . reather man calls "fair," with blue skies; distilled and priceless wine, that for the drinking cries. Oh, that we had such a gift and such a sur, poor summer fiction we'd an avalanche of stuff we'd turn sally, some of joy and some replete sets and then, had we that pen, "It w'd take our choice of jobs. Bing tourist ads for railroads!

## FOREGAST

Philadelphia and vicinitytonight and Saturday with no bi change in temperature; gentle withle winds.

details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia 8 A. M.

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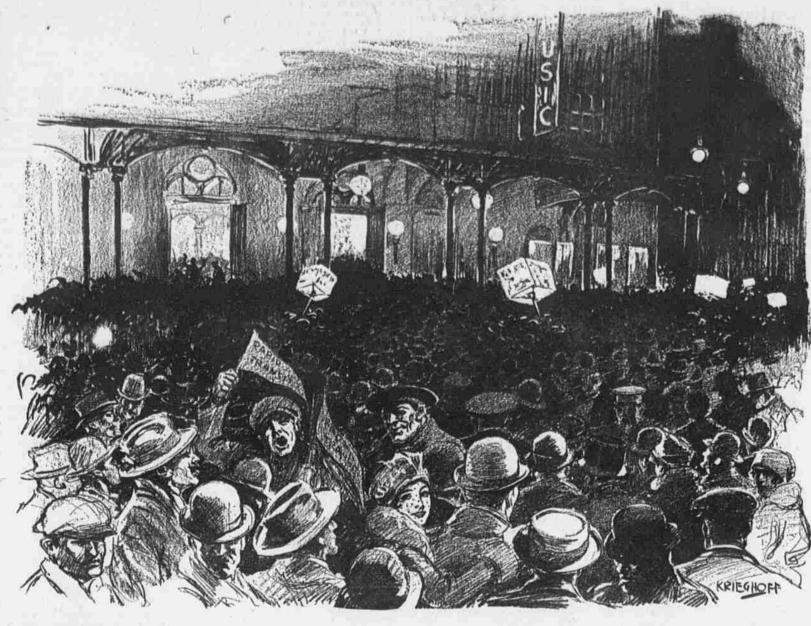
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The Tides

PORT RICHMOND, NUT STREET WHAT. BEHRY MEAND BREAKWATER.

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IMPRESSION OF CROWD THAT BESIEGED ACADEMY DOORS AT LAST NIGHT'S TRANSIT MEETING



## SUNDAY ASSAILS PRIESTS OF GOLD WHO MOCK GOD

'Making Money by Bucketful, But Going to Hell in Carload Lots," Shouts Evangelist.

"We're making money by the bucketful n this country, but we're going to hell in way "Billy" Sunday shocked the many thousands who filled the tabernacle, this afternoon. He was preaching on "The Ton Commandments," and one by one he took them up and tore them into shreds before the people to prove that obedience to them was essential to happiness and eternal glory. He then launched an attack on church members who profess a belief in the commandments, but do not carry out their purpose.

"It's a good thing to have money and the things it can buy; but it's a good thing to sit down once in a while and think of the things we might lose which can't buy," the evangelist de-

WILL REPEAT SERMON. It was one of the most spirited ser-mons "Billy" has preached during the campaign, and he intends to repeat it tonight. Time and again, he slammed the heavy chair down beside him on the pul-pit, hammered the pulpit until the sound of his blows could be heard far back in the great auditorium. The vast sea of humanity rolled back and forth, now in tears and now in laughter, suddenly breaking out in tumultuous applause.

Hardly once since he came to Philadelphia has Sanday talked mere plainly. He

used harsh words. He told plain truths. He did not use any varnish to cover up the language, so that every man and woman might understand.

GIVES POINTED ILLUSTRATIONS. And many times during his address he introduced thrilling stories of great men's trials and little stories showing the power of the clean heart. The audience held its breath. It gasped. It leaned forward in quivering expectation. Never before had Mr. Sunday's histrionic abili-

before had Mr. Sunday's histrionic abilities been brought so aptly into play.

"What is man's god?" "Billy" cried.

"Anything that he thinks more of than he does of God. Many a man will sell his conscience and sacrifice his honor to put a few dirty dollars more in the bank than he possibly could if he had obeyed the laws of the Almighty."

Once more the evangelist took some good whacks at the "booze" crowd and the salcon. Every time he comes to that subject Sunday becomes "red-hot" and launches his attacks with renewed vigor. All the strength of his athletic body was brought into play today when he plunged

brought into play today when he plunged into the subject. Once more he made his threat to "fight that damnable business rom breakfast to hell and back again."
Again he went after the gossipers. He

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"PAHSON, DOAN Y' WED 'IM!" Mrs. Cliff Reaches Altar in Time to Claim Husband.

Claim Husband.

"Doan" marry dat man, Mistah Palsson! He's mah husband!"

Thore was a shrick and a strange woman rushed into the room at Sil Silver street. Camden, where the Rev. P. O. Hicks, paster of a negro Methodist church, was engaged in tring the marriage knot for Mary Augustus and Jesse Cliff. The proceedings were rudely interrupted, for the bride-to-be fainted and the intruder on the quiet some seized held of the bride-groom. In the near riot that followed the police were called in, but no one was arrested.

She who upset the marriage plane said she was lift. Such Cliff, of Atlantic City. The returned to Atlantic City the returned to Atlantic City.

"DEAD" MAN REVIVES

Jolting of Wagon Awakens Him

From Supposedly Endless Sleep. A "dead" man came to life today and frightened several persons. Even Patrol Sergeant Ellinger, of the 3d and DeLancey streets station, who is accustomed to almost anything, was considerably surprised when the "corpee" stirred and sat up in the natrol waron.

prised when the "corpse" stirred and sat up in the patrol wagon.

The man, Frank Capone, 30 years old, 750 South 10th street, while walking in search of a job at 6th and Walnut streets, suddenly fell and to all appearances died. But he wasn't dead. The jolting of the patrol revived him. At the Pennsylvania Hospital, where he was treated, physi-cians said he had merely fainted.

#### **DELAWARE DEEP ENOUGH** FOR COLLIER, SAYS COMPANY

Government Not Justified in Canceling Existing Contracts.

by J. H. Weaver & Co., of this city, to supply the Government with 200,000 tons of coal, because of the alleged danger of the Government colliers going aground in the Delaware River, would be a discrimination against the coal miners of Penn sylvania, according to an official of the company today.
"The contracts with the Government

were taken in good faith," said the offi-cial, "and the canceling of the contracts would necessitate shutting down the mines and throwing the miners out of work. There was nothing in the specifications to the effect that the coal would have to be shipped in vessels of any stated capacity, and even in case the Government colliers could not descend the Delaware safely, it is the duty of the Government to supply vessels that can. "We have been assured by men familiar with conditions in the river that the colliers can load at Port Richmond and sail down the river without danger of going aground. Even though there may be a possibility that some of the largest collier might not be able to take a maximum load at Port Richmond, they can be loaded with naval supplies at League Island and their voyage still be made

with a full cargo. "We believe that the Government will find a means of transporting the coal from this port, and are convinced that the Gov-

ernment colliers will not go aground in the Delaware River." Maritime interests are preparing to take concerted action to convince the Navy Department that the Delaware River is deep enough to permit the larg-est of the Government colliers to come

and go with absolute safety
Director George W. Norris, of the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries,
issued a statement today to which he
said that he would appreciate any work that could be done by the army engi-neers to deepen the upper Delaware River to such an extent that there would be no danger of a future controversy.

## \$40,000 FIRE AT COLLEGE

Allegheny Chemistry Building at Meadville Burns,

Meadville, Pa., Jan. 15.—The chemistry building at Allegheny College was almost destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is estimated at between \$40,000 and \$50,000. It is believed the fire started from an explosion of chemicals during the night, but the flames were not discovered until 7:20 o'clock this morning. The fire burned until almost noon, with students and fire-men fighting it.

Camden Italians Plan Belief Funds and donations for their fellow-ountrymen who suffered from the earth are being raised by Italians of

countrymen who suffered from the sarin-quake are being raised by Italians of Camden.

Announcement was made by Frank Cocchiaraley, court interpreter, of 43 Broadway, Camden, that a big mass-meeting of Italians to formulate plans for providing reits will be held Sunday aft-ernoon at 3 o'clock in Knights of Colum-bus Hall, 3d and Spruce alrests.

Immigration Bill Up to President WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The House to-day adopted by a vote of M to M the conference report on the Burnett incut-gration bill. The Schale already had adopted the report. The bill will now go

## WHEAT RISE CONTINUES

Price Jumps 3/4 Above Previous Close\_Highest Yet.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.-Wheat continued on an upward trend today, May opening on the Board of Trade at \$1.42%, or 1/4 above yesterday's highest and % above yester day's close. This was the highest price reached so far by the present movement. July wheat opened at \$1.26, a gain of % over night.

Corn for both months was up %. May oats % and July %. Fresh pork was 5 cents higher and other provisions were unchanged.

After a recession of 14 of a cent per bushel shortly after 12:20, May wheat took another spurt, which carried it to \$1.45\\(\frac{1}{2}\) per bushel.

May wheat until noon ranged between \$1.44\\(\frac{1}{2}\). Cash wheat was a full

cent higher than yesterday. The new Federal Grand Jury, which was to have been sworn in Monday, was

A. Carpenter. It will hear evidence in the food price investigation if District Attorney Kline decides the evidence warrants.

### \$10,000,000 OF STEEL CARS WANTED BY INTERBOROUGH

Pittsburgh Company Asked for Rush Bids by N. Y. Concern.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 15 .- The Pressed Steel Car Company of this city and the Standard Steel Car Company of Butler, Pa., have been asked by the Interborough Rapid Transit Company of New York city to submit bids on 478 steel cars to replace the wooden ones now in use the New York subway. The amo of money involved in the order will ap-proximate \$10,000,000.

General Manager Frank Hedley, of the Interborough Company, has been in tele-phone communication with the two Pittsburgh companies during the last two days. He has insisted that the order days. He has insisted that the order must be completed in four months. The Pressed Steel Car Company has promised the Interborough officials that it would begin delivery of 478 steel cars in four months and finish the order in 18 months. The Standard company can begin delivery in three months.

Three Children Saved From Fire Peliceman John Unruh, of the German town station, this afternoon rescued three children of Thomas Irelan, a Negro, 68 Good street, when they set fire to a bed in the house and were unable to get use they had been locked in by their

Dr. Brumbaugh in Harrisburg HARRISBURG, Jan. 15 .- Governor-elect Brumbaugh arrived here at 12:45 o'clock this afternoon and went at once to the Executive Mansion for luncheon with Governor and Mrs. Tener.

## EVERY GERMAN SYMPATHIZER

and every other seeker after truth should read the emashing story on Belgium to be printed tomorrow and Monday on the editorial page of The Evening Ledger

This story is in the form of a letter from a well-known newspaper man, a trained observer and an absolutely impartial writer, a staff correspondent of the Chicago Tribune in the war zone,

James O'Donnell Bennett who replies to Sir Arthur Conon Doyle's widely circulated story, "A Pailoy of Murder," and sets forth facts, incidents and proof which absolutely deny the stories of Prussian abrooties related by the fumous Buglish author.

This article is without any doubt the most forceful narrative yet produced in connection with the great war.

Place your orders for the Evening Ladger with your newsdealer early.

## 'INFLUENCE', PUT STOP TO U. OF P. TRANSIT PLEA

Provost Washes Hands of Blame for "Influential Interference. Alumni's" Logan Citizens Duped.

Two transparent efforts to thwart the aim and effect of Philadelphia's rapid transit demonstration at the Academy of sworn in today by Federal Judge George Music came to light today. One, the more important, was made by alumni or students of the University of Pennsylvania, the other by some political foe of the rapid transit plan with influence in Logan.

Each of the two moves was a knife thrust in the dark by some powerful political influence afraid to stand before united Philadelphia and fight transit de-velopment in the open. This influence pulled the hidden wires and moved the secret levers that caused two separate and distinct blows to be struck at the

mass-meeting.
This curious power made itself felt at the University of Pennsylvania at the 11th hour. Plans for a great parade of students to the academy for the purpose of participating in the demonstration went forward smoothly until the very morning of the night scheduled for the

"INFLUENTIAL ALUMNI" AT WORK. Then came a short, significant notice in the Pennsylvanian, the official daily publication of University of Pennsylvania students. The notice said "influential alumni" had recommended that the parade be abandoned. It said Pro-vost Edgar Fahs Smith had withdrawn his agnetion

"influential alumni" were not Provost Smith at first denied, in a telephone conversation, that he had to drawn his sanction for the parade. I he admitted that he had "called off" demonstration of the University students. He said he had not understood the ques-tion put to him the first time.

In the first conversation he said he did ot know the alumni whose influence was sufficiently powerful to force the Univer-sity to abandon complete plans for a big demonstration. He washed his hands of esponsibility for the affair, putting it up the students and declaring himself in

favor of the rapid transit plans. The Provest, in this conversation, was told that a reporter from the Evening Language would be sent out to see him. His only reply was "all right." When the reporter sot to Provost Smith's office he was told the Provost was not there, that he had left word he had said all he wanted to say on the transit question and would not discuss the question further.

REPUSES TO NAME ALUMNUS.

The reporter waited until the Provost returned, and met him outside the office Provost Smith then admitted that a certain alumnus, whose name he positively refused to give, had called upon him and had declared the mass-meeting was a political affair, suggesting it would not be well for the University students to mix in it. Some days before this, the Provost explained, another alumnus, W. H. Kramer, had made the suggestion that the tudents participate in the demonstration.
Acting on the first suggestion, the Pro-Acting on the first suggestion, the Prevent sent for Winthrop Williams, editor of The Pennsylvanian, official organ of the University students, and repeated it in substance to Mr. Williams. The Pennsylvanian printed stories favoring the demonstration Tuesday. Thursday it printed a brief notice saving the student demonstration had been abandoned.

Mr. Williams declared be was sent for after chapel last Tuesday by Provest Smith. The inter told him of the wish

Conducted on Free Year

## CITIZENS IN MIGHTY VOICE DEMAND VOTE ON RAPID TRANSIT

**FLOOD DANGER OVER** 

Delaware, Schuylkill and Tributary Streams Are Receding.

All danger of the overflowing of the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers has abated. Most of the flood water in the Delaware River has been carried off and the river is not enough above normal to be dangerous. The water at Fiat Rock Dam, in the Schuylkill River, is still one

foot above normal.

Manayunk mills, forced to close by the flooding of their basements, reopened today, and persons who had been moving their household effects to higher ground are returning. Streams up State and in New Jersey are also rapidly receding, and no more damage to property is ex-

# KAISER TAKES SIX TOWNS ON AISNE; FOES HALTATTACK

Terrific Drive at Soissons, Allies Recapturing Village of St. Paul—Invaders' Ponton
Bridges at St. Mihiel Destroyed.

Every banner borne by the marchers told a story which was short and to the point. "We Know Our Power and Propose to Use II." "We Demand High-Speed Lines to Take Us Home." "Who Is the Snake in the Grass." We are Going to Find Out." "Councils Must Respond to the Will of the People at Once," the banners ran, as a warning to obstructionists defying public opinion.

In keeping with the sentiment indicated by the banner was the message from Senator Penrose urging an early election, that the people might vote to obtain the funds necessary for transit development the declared that there should be no delay, and that the high speed system should be started at the earliest possible Kaiser Meets Check in Destroyed.

by the Germans was officially reported in Berlin today, the General Staff's statement declaring that northeast of Soissons all the French troops have been driven from the north to the buth bank of the river.

Paris, however, reports that the German advance in this region, which menaced Paris, has been checked, and the village of St. Paul, which had been lost to the Germans, has been recaptured by French troops.

The Germans are fighting desperately to maintain the advantage they gained Wednesday and yesterday in the region of Soissons. Their advance. which has reached a point but 38 was waving of flags and shouts of apmiles from the outer Paris forts, so gravely menaces the capital that the French have rallied their forces and are resisting with increased fury,

The Paris War Office reports gains at several points north of Arras, where heavy fighting continues, and at Lombaertzyde, in West Flanders. At St. Mihiel German pontoon bridges across the Meuse have been destroyed, and at Senones, in the Vosges, a line of German trenches have been captured.

While the Kaiser's 11-inch artillery is pounding at the Russian centre west of Warsaw, the Czar is gaining ground in East Prussia. The Germans have atained a foothold east of the Bzura. The Russian advantage menaces Koenigsburg. Control of Bargo Pass is contested

in Southern Bukowina, where the Austrians have turned on the Russian invaders. The Czar has been repulsed again at the Nida and Dunajec Rivers, in the move against Cracow.

Turkish forces, numbering 49,000, are moving upon the Suez Canal. A detachment of British is reported to have surrendered to the invaders.

### FRENCH FEAR ALSACE LOSS Rumors of Big German Victory Stir

PARIS, Jan. 15 .- Not a word regarding the operations in Upper Alsace has been divulged officially since last Thursday

Paris.

other than to repeat the assertion that the heavy snowfall is interfering with operations. Rumors that the Germans have gained

distinct success in that region continue to circulate, despite immediate denials at the War Office, and there is serious ap- STEAMSHIP CANARA WRECKED prehension that the campaign there has met with some sort of a check.

#### **GERMANS MENACE PARIS** BY ATTACK AT SOISSONS

French Bally to Check Drive and Gain at Other Points.

PARIS, Jan. 15.
The Germans, flushed with their victory at Vregny, where their advance carried them to a point but 38 miles from the Paris forts, are maintaining their terrific attack all along the Bolssons front. They are mariting however, with constantly inare meeting, however, with constantly in-creasing resistance. The invaders' drive at this point has alarmed Paris, and the Prench lines have been stiffened to meet

the menacing attack.

An official statement issued here this afternoon said that the Germans succeeded in capturing St. Paul, which lies a little more than a mile northeast of Soissons, but that the French had succeeded in re-taking this place. In the resion of Targette, it. Laurent and Andechy (between Arras and Lille) and mear Reys, the French artillery in

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Councils Sternly Commanded to Provide Election In March on \$30,000,000 Loan.

Acamedy of Music Packed to the Doors Following Great Parade on Broad Street-Taylor Cheered.

Philadelphia demanded rapid transit last night in a voice that will not be stilled until a high-speed system touches every part of the city.

Broad street, from Spruce to Arch, was lined with thousands of persons who cheered the transit delegations as they marched through a valley of red fire. Bands played and a cannon on the roof of the building at 147 South Broad street boomed every 30 seconds.

The immense throng displayed a spirit of determination, and this appeared to be shared by "Old Billy" Penn atop City Hall, when his face was lighted up at ntervals by rockets.

Every banner borne by the marchers

should be started at the earliest possible

noment. The Senator's unequivocal avowal for an early start of rapid transit was re-garded as especially significant and a strong indication that the entire Republican Organization has been compelled to bow to public opinion and support the Taylor plan.

Taylor plan.

By a strange coincidence the causon which told the people of the opening of the meeting at the Academy of Music was placed directly above a sign at Broad and Walnut streets and in letters of fire it spelled the word "VICTOR."

The Asadémy was packed to the doors soon after the parade ended, and several speakers, after addressing the assemblage within, nocks to the crowd waiting to within, apoke to the crowd waiting in

Broad street. TAYLOR GETS AN OVATION. Director Taylor was given an ovation

when he appeared on the stage with Congressman George S. Graham. There plause until Mr. Taylor and the vice presidents of the meeting were scated. The transit story first was told in the

songs, "While We Are Marching for

Transit" and "When You're a Long Way
From Home." The audience joined lustily in the choruses.
Resolutions were adopted unanimously
at the close of Director Taylor's speech
demanding a special election in March
that funds may be obtained for highspeed transit and recommending the forming of a permanent organization in

behalf of rapid transit.

The Director told his hearers that a

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BILLY KUMMER SIGNS WITH JEANNETTE FIVE

Eastern League Star Player to Supply West Penn League Want. PITTSBURGH, Jan. 15,-The | manageent of the Jeannette team in the West Penn League has received the signed con-tract of "Billy" Kummer, last year's champion of the Eastern Leavue. Jeannette has been playing erratic ball all season, and Kummer is expected to lend the steadying influence to the team and make it a winner. He will take charge of the team, and will appear in his first game on Monday night against Charleroi

in the Jeannotte Hall, in the Jeannette Hall.

Kummer was with Jeannette a part of last season, but see Jasper five, of the Eastern League, which won the pennant through the wonderful playing of him and Wohlforth, offered him anch strong inducements that he returned. Kummer is a Western Pennsylvania boy, and is rated as one of the best players in the country. Last year he led the Eastern League in both foul and field soals. He is a product. both foul and field goals. He is a pro of the famous old Central League, and, according to friends, he has been yearning to play basketball near his home for

PORT LOUIS, Maritus Island, Jan. 15, The steamship Canara, bound from Co tombo, was wrecked a mile east of Cave Point Bright, on Thursday, fier mails and passengers were landed today. There is 21 feet of water in her hold.

LOST AND FOUND

ALL "LOST AND FOUND" ASSISTANT Advantaged in the Evening Ledger of reposted to the "Lost and Found forces," at Ledger Canizal will be insted for 30 days. These justices are also be seen at the Main Office. When we can also be seen at the Main Office. When a Christian sie. "Lost and Found" assertion much can be left at any of the drug story resolving Ledger also or can be insiphused directly to Ledger Chaurat. Cell Walnut or Main 1989. Friday aight in drassing room at many dance, a army openion for mind. He Hattern to P. Hoffman, 1805 Localet

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